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WANT CHANGE IN DIVISION OF WORLD'S SERIES MONEY

Players Not Satisfied With Present Arrangement for Distribution of Receipts.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

BOSTON, October 11.—The expressed dissatisfaction of the players, as voiced by Christy Mathewson, on the treatment they receive in the division of the world's series receipts may bring about a change in the present system, which allows every player in each major league to get a slice of the money.

Mathewson in a statement published yesterday makes it plain that the players are not satisfied with the recent arrangement. He says that a tie game should not count as part of one of the four in which the players share in the receipts, and that there should be other concessions made by the owners.

It was announced that the players were to have a meeting while en route from Boston to New York last night to frame up some sort of a protest against the present system, and the threat has been made that unless these concessions are granted the players will refuse to take part in any world's series games in the future.

As a return stab at this protest it is being advocated that the agreement under which the series is now being conducted be so changed that a small percentage of the gross receipts go into a fund to be divided among the players of both leagues who by reason of their services

would be eligible in a world's series providing the club of which they are members won a pennant. This would greatly reduce the revenue that the two winning teams get out of the world's series and would surely be a satisfactory arrangement for the players in general.

The absurdity of the present system has been made plain by the fact that the members of the four contesting teams have in three games secured over \$100,000, with 60 per cent of the gross receipts of the fourth game still to be added. This will approximately bring the players' share of the receipts up to \$150,000, which would mean the division of \$600,000 among the members of the winning team and \$300,000 among the losers.

Rather a neat sum to be picked up in seven games of ball or less. Under the present system the players' share in the first four games played is 60 per cent of the gross receipts, after 10 per cent has been taken out for the commission. The clubs get the remainder, but each league gets 25 per cent of the two clubs' share. This is done so as to make the world's series pay for at least a part of the running expenses of the league, which are now covered by assessments, so that the present system makes the world's series beneficial to all clubs, whether they are high or low in the race. If the suggested protest goes through, all the players will also share in the receipts, and a general good will be done. The present protest of the players is not apt to meet with public favor. They are now being well paid for their labors and are being fairly treated.

NOTES ON THE BIG GAME.

Fletcher made his first hit yesterday, and as it sent in the winning run it made up for lost time.

Stahl's coaching was a bit too obstreperous in the eighth inning and Evans made him cease.

The Red Sox pitchers watch the bases closely, and it is hard for base runners to get a start on them.

In the sixth Merkle, whose batting is unreliable, stepped forward to meet the ball before it broke, but it did him no good.

A ground rule was passed yesterday that if a batted ball hit a policeman on the playing field it was in play. No cop was hit.

Meyers would have had a hit in the fifth inning if he had been a fast mover. He stabbed to O'Brien, who was able to recover the ball and squelch the chief.

Another battle between Wood and Teehan looked for in New York today. "We'll get him again," said the Red Sox. "We'll get Wood this time," say the Giants.

The sun blazed all the afternoon and for that reason Red Jack Murray played left field with Devore in right. If McGraw had been able to anticipate the stirring incidents of the game he could not have placed these two men to better advantage, for both of them undoubtedly cut off runs with hair-raising catches.

When the crowd saw O'Brien warming up there was some sinking of the tide, for the Boston rooters predicted

ed that O'Brien would lack control. Such proved to be the case.

Bill Evans, representing the American League, called balls and strikes, with Umpire Klem of the National League making the base decisions. Silk O'Loughlin did a statue act at the end of the left field foul line, while Higley spent most of the afternoon leaning against the picket fence in front of the right field pavilion.

It is the general opinion that the umpiring so far has been eminently fair. There has been no attempt to favor either team. A few mistakes have been made, but that is liable to happen at any time. Klem had several close decisions put up to him on the bases yesterday, but he did not commit an error, even though a couple of them went against the Giants. Evans called balls and strikes with rare judgment, neither pitcher showing the slightest dissatis-

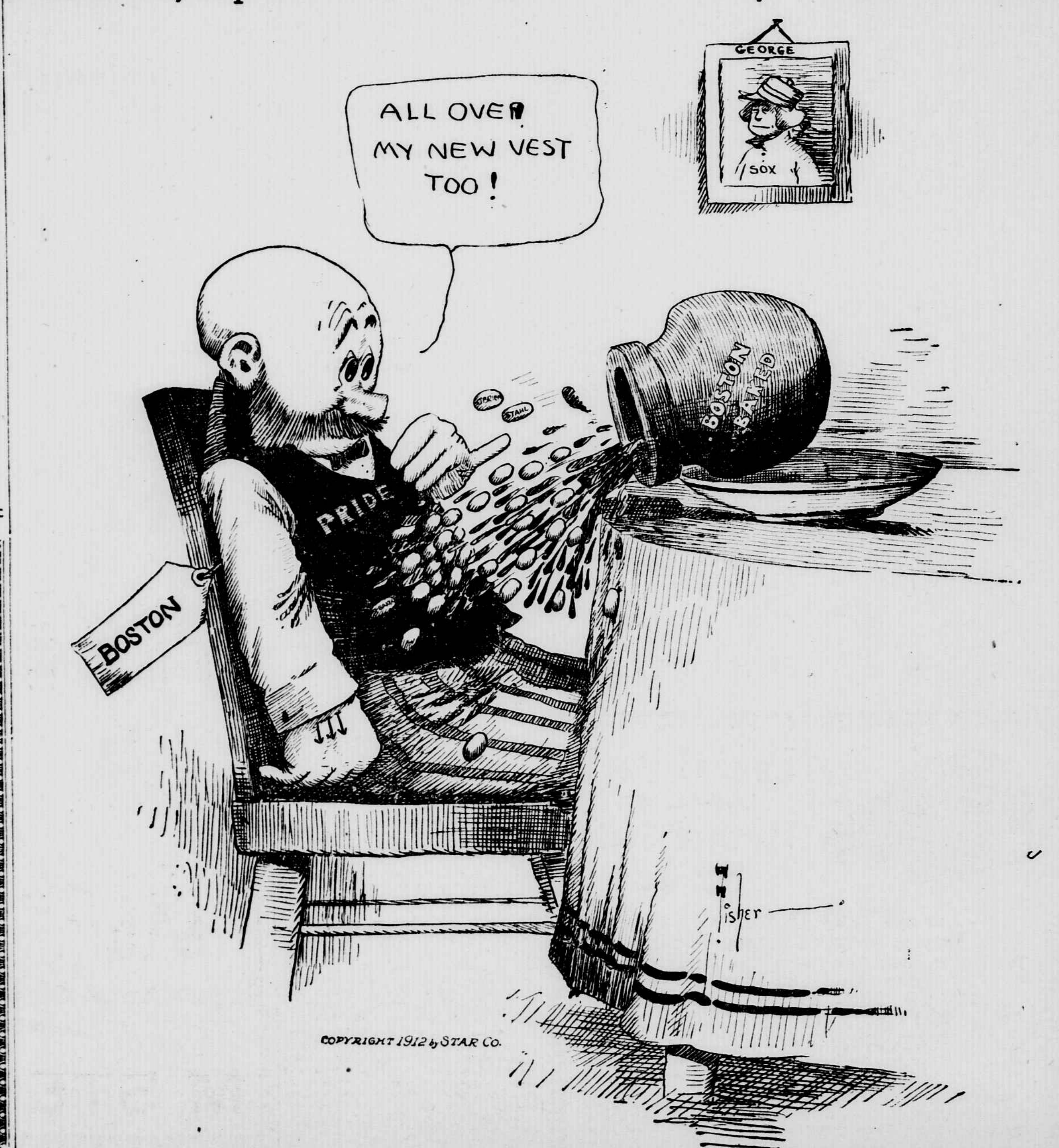
faction. Herzog came near getting into another mess in the ninth inning when he tried to steal second and was beaten by Cady's throw. He slid spikes first into Verkes, although he probably did not mean to inflict an injury. Verkes was partially spiked, but he jumped up quickly, and as Herzog turned to see if the Boston second baseman was hurt the latter brushed him aside without making comment. This was the only incident that would indicate bitter feeling, and it was quickly forgotten.

The crowd had a laugh coming when the ground rules were announced. The announcer belittled through his megaphone: "If a ball hits a policeman it is still in play."

Under such conditions one would be at great loss to say if the game was a fair one.

Somebody Spilled the Beans

-o- By "Bud" Fisher



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TEAMS IN ACTION

Georgetown Meets Washington and Lee.

M. A. C. VS. JOHNS HOPKINS

Farmers Have Never Won From Baltimore Eleven.

OTHER SCHOOLS ALSO PLAY

Gallaudet Goes to Virginia Military Institute, While Catholic U. Meets Rock Hill in Baltimore.

BY H. C. BYRD.

All the local college football teams will play tomorrow. Georgetown will meet the eleven from Washington and Lee; Catholic University will go to Baltimore, where it will try conclusions against the Rock Hill College aggregation; the Maryland Aggies will play Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, and the Gallaudet squad will go to Lexington, Va., where it will be pitted against the Virginia Military Institute. Georgetown is the only one of the schools which will play at home.

To attempt to forecast the result of some of the contests would be almost the same as trying to foretell the final outcome of the world's series. Some of the eleven games will probably be very evenly matched, so evenly that a bare touchdown will decide the result. Under such conditions one would be at great loss to say which school would be favored by Dame Fortune, because it is practically the breaks in the luck which decide these contests.

The most important of the four games in which local schools will figure is that in which Washington and Lee and Georgetown will figure. This will be the first of the series of contests which take place in this section every year for the South Atlantic championship. It will be one of the games which will have a direct bearing on the rating of the several larger elevens at the end of the season. There is no doubt that the winner will have taken the first step toward the title.

Whether Georgetown will make a run at the championship when it faces Washington and Lee two years ago, is very questionable, the probabilities being that it will not. There is every reason to believe that Washington and Lee will give the local eleven a rather hard struggle. So far the Lexington crew has not failed to do clever work in its contests, both of which it has won, and it is probable that it will put up a much stiffer defense and a stronger offense than is generally expected.

Chances Greatly Favor Georgetown. The chances are much in favor of Georgetown winning. The Blue and Gray eleven is composed of much more experienced players than is the Washington and Lee combination, and, by all accounts, is working fairly well. Georgetown will present a team which will be represented if last fall. The Blue and Gray eleven should average somewhere in the neighborhood of 170 pounds. Washington and Lee will average about the same. Georgetown expects Washington and Lee to uncover a lot of forward passes and has built its defense accordingly. The Lexington eleven will be heavy, though, and maybe it will present unexpected strength in line-smashing. Whatever the style of game to be encountered by Georgetown, the chances are that it will not have the easy time winning that is generally expected.

which point it was a comparatively easy matter for the Western Maryland men to take it across in four downs.

Maryland Aggies Have Hard Game.

The next most important contest is that in which the Maryland Aggies will go against the Johns Hopkins University. The Farmers have never in their history secured a victory over the Baltimore university, and to accept as a criterion what Hopkins did against the Navy, this time is not likely to be an exception. The Farmers have an eleven which is not going to be easily defeated by any of the teams it faces this year, barring accidents, and it may be that it will prove a surprise.

The College Park eleven will be compelled to go into the game with two of its regulars out. Neither Shipley at quarterback nor Johnston at right end will be in the play.

The M. A. C. eleven will likely be outweighed considerably, but if the field is dirt it will stand a fair chance of making a creditable showing. There is no question that it will present a much stronger eleven than it did in the same game last season, and the Hopkins team will have to be correspondingly more improved to get away with a victory.

Both teams have been very successful so far. The two games the Aggies have played have been won by big scores. Although they were pitted against weak combinations, Technical High was defeated, 31 to 0, and Richmond College was trimmed by 46 to 0. Neither of these teams, though, were strong enough to give an idea of the Farmers' real strength. Johns Hopkins has played but one game, that against the Navy. The showing it made in that contest is sufficient to guarantee that it is represented by the strongest eleven it has ever had. According to the reports that have been printed in Baltimore papers, Hopkins expects to give the Farmers "a stinging defeat."

Catholic University goes to Baltimore to meet the Rock Hill eleven. The Ell City eleven has already played two contests, while the Brooklanders have yet to be seen in a regular game. The same of the Rock Hill team has been such that it would not be surprising to find a mighty close game played, with the odds leaning either way.

Rock Hill has played twice. That will prove of great advantage to the Marylanders. St. John's College beat them 10 to 0 in the first game, while they held Washington College to a 0-0 game in the second.

Gallaudet Goes to Play V. M. I.

The Gallaudet team will go to Lexington to play the Virginia Military Institute. Despite the fact that the Kendall Green aggregation has been touted as an exceptionally strong one, there is not much doubt that it will not win. The Virginia Military Institute has proved curiously too strong this season to lose to an eleven of the size of the one representing Gallaudet. If Gallaudet holds the lead in the series, it may consider itself as having done well. It is practically certain that every game played tomorrow in which local schools take part will be worth witnessing. The different teams appear to be evenly enough matched to put up an article of football above the average.

ATHLETICS WIN AGAIN.

Make It Three Out of Four in Philadelphia Series.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., October 11.—The Philadelphia American League base ball team made it three out of four in the local interleague series by winning from the National League team in a well-played game yesterday by a score of 4 to 3.

McInnis, the Americans' first baseman, scored two of the former world's champions' runs and had a double and single off the delivery of Earl Moore, who started off pitching for the Phillies. Seaton, Brown, who started for the Athletics, was succeeded by Bender in the fourth inning.

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